

## MINUTES

MEETING OF: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
DATE OF MEETING: November 19, 2012  
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 PM  
PLACE OF MEETING: City Council Conference Room

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Díaz called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners Díaz, Gutierrez, Levy, and Smith

Absent: Commissioner Garcia

Staff Present: Suzanne Smithson, Deputy Library Director

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission were unanimously approved as submitted by proper motion and vote (Smith/Gutierrez).

### **SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:**

On a suggestion from Commissioner Levy to initiate a succession process, the Commissioners agreed and on a motion (Smith/Gutierrez) voted unanimously for Commissioner Levy to assume the Chair. Also by proper motion and vote (Díaz /Levy) Commissioner Gutierrez was selected as the new Vice Chair.

### **ORDINANCE REVISIONS FOR CHAPTER 2.42 & 22.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE:**

Deputy Library Director Smithson reported that the remaining issue in the suggested revision is to differentiate between a landmark and a point of interest in the descriptions within the code. The Commissioners discussed the criteria for each designation at the local level, as well as state and federal.

Commissioner Díaz asked if the City Attorney's office had an opinion on the properties designated as having historic significance prior to the 1990 report. Deputy Library Director Smithson said that Assistant City Attorney Mobaldi agreed in concept that those properties

could be brought together into a single document for approval by the Council as the City's historic inventory.

There followed a discussion about the Cultural Resources Survey conducted by Roth & Associates in 1990 and the accompanying five volume inventory, adopted as the official inventory and the later reversal of that decision by Council and what properties currently have plaques and which ones might qualify for designation as landmarks.

#### **PLAQUE PROGRAM:**

Deputy Library Director Smithson distributed researched examples of plaque programs in other communities as well as a preliminary draft outline for such a program. The Commissioners agreed to conduct more research on historic markers in local communities and to bring that information to the next meeting to discuss establishing a plaque program for Carlsbad.

#### **PROPERTIES OF CONCERN:**

Commissioner Díaz reported that he had attended the open house at the Marron Adobe and noted that the current residence is not the original structure.

Deputy Library Director Smithson reminded the Commissioners that several years ago a letter was sent to the City Council identifying the preservation of El Salto Falls as one of the Historic Preservation Commission's highest priorities at that time. The recent newspaper article shows that the developer has made some improvements in the clean-up of the falls.

#### **CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATES:**

Commissioner Gutierrez reported that the Society will hold a Christmas program and early next year will repeat the lecture series at Carlsbad by the Sea Retirement Home and possibly at the Library.

She also reported that the Society has applied for a grant to improve displays in the barn and include a paleontology exhibit and an article appeared in the Union Tribune on the subject.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Levy announced that the Union Pacific Railroad celebrated its 150 anniversary this year and he is lecturing on the Transcontinental Railroad at Rancho Carlsbad.

Deputy Library Director Smithson advised that the Commission's membership in the Congress of History is being renewed, and the meeting schedule for 2013 would be distributed next month.

She also reported plans to have Sr. Librarian Mary Van Orsdol and Library Technician Amy Davis on the agenda next year to report on the collection in the history room and the recent additions donated by Ledgerwood family.

Commissioner Levy mentioned that at a recent Rotary meeting they received a presentation from the future developer of the strawberry fields adjacent to Interstate 5. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of incorporating some historical information like an interactive kiosk as part of the development.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cissie Sexton".

Cissie Sexton  
Administrative Secretary